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NASHVILLE –Tennessee's April unemployment rate of 5.3 percent, down four-tenths of a percentage point from March, was released on May 16. County unemployment rates released today show that 90 county rates decreased, four increased, and one remained the same over the month.

Knox County at 2.7 percent, down from 2.9 percent, again registered the state's lowest county unemployment rate and the lowest metropolitan county rate. Scott County at 13.5 percent, down from 15.4 percent the previous month, reported the state's highest jobless rate.

Hamilton County reported a 3.7 percent rate, down from 4.2 percent; Davidson County registered 3.8 percent, also down from 4.2 percent, and Shelby County was 5.0 percent, down from 5.5 percent.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter "<a href="http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor-figures." http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor-figures."

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